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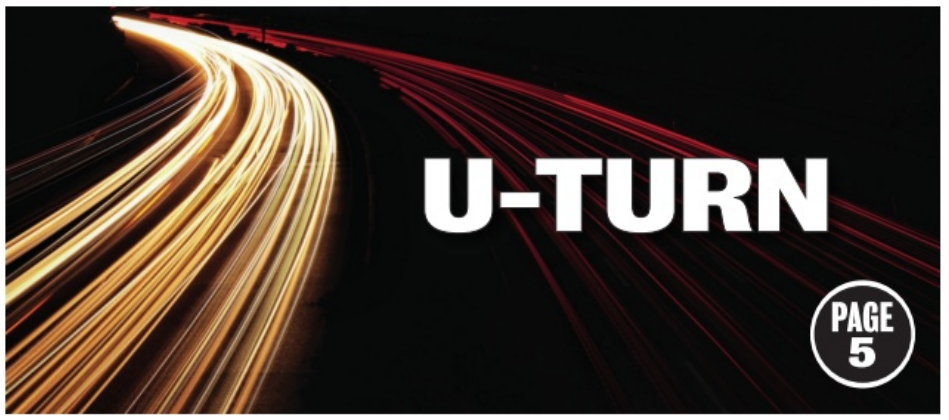

How to make up for two lost years of covid is most pressing question for educationists as students pour back into classrooms in a post-pandemic blur

PANDEMIC'S CHILDREN

'Online education not a successful alternative'

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As schools go back to normal with covid-19 waning, experts suggested refresher courses to make up for what the children have lost to the two pandemic years. Online education has more or less failed the young ones, they said.

A report was compiled in this regard by a jury following a public hearing on March 22 where 64 case studies from five Karnataka districts were scrutinised.

The subsequent report, 'Without food, Without Jobs and Without Education', compiled by ActionAid and Slum Mahila Sanghatane said many parents from Bengaluru had enrolled their children in private schools primarily due to English being the medium of instruction.

It went on to suggest the following: Parents who somehow managed to pay fees were hit hard by covid and their subsequent economic situation made them almost unable to pay fees. After reopening, private schools stopped children from getting back to classes or taking

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> **"Children now in class 5 did not attend most of class 3 and 4 lessons. Teaching them class 5 textbooks will be quite meaningless and will lead to dropouts.**
>
> — Report

When trash comes crashing down

Marshals to keep an eye on garbage collection vehicles after fatal accidents involving trash trucks

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Trash is a never ending problem for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). While the civic body is struggling to ensure a garbage-free city, safe driving of garbage collection vehicles is an equally pressing concern too. A few urban waste management vehicles were involved in fatal accidents of late. Palike officials are now brainstorming about how to ensure these vehicles are driven safely and do not pose a threat to pedestrian safety within city limits.

On Monday night, RR Nagar resident Padmini D, a bank employee, was run over by a garbage truck at Nayandahalli Junction. The victim died on the spot. This is the third incident in recent times involving garbage trucks as a 60-year-old biker was mowed by a garbage truck on April 1 at Bagalur. A 14-year-old girl died after being hit by a garbage truck at Hebbal on March 21.

To prevent such incidents in the future, the BBMP has decided to deploy marshals to ensure fitness of vehicles as well as drivers.

BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "We are discussing how to prevent such unfortunate incidents. We have already mandated a fitness certificate for all solid waste management vehicles. In fact, most of the drivers of SWM vehicles are experienced seniors. So, now we have asked the marshals of the respective zones to keep a tab on the SWM drivers at ward mustering points, on a daily basis.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Law and more

The Centre for Studies on New India, CMR University, will be organising a talk event on 'Inequity to Justice: Emerging Trends in a new India'. Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Chairman of CMR group of Institutions KC Ramamurthy IPS (Retd) will preside over the function. The audience at this event will include around 200 invitees from the CMR school of legal Studies and it will be an internal event.
Where: CMR University School of Legal Studies, OMBR Layout; When: April 20, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

02 Soul-stirring music

Take a break from the stress and monotony of work by attending a beautiful musical evening at Lahe Lahe. The session will have musical aficionados come and jam together and form a community of like-minded musical souls. What's more, you can even tune out a few songs of yourself too! **Where: Lahe Lahe, HAL 2nd stage, Indiranagar; When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Tickets: 9886294444**

03 Cartoons from Calcutta

Check out a special exhibition of cartoons that are a tribute to some of Calcutta's famous cartoonists. From Sukumar Ray to Gaganendranath Tagore, to contemporary names like Rituparno Basu and Anup Ray, the exhibit is a homage to the rich legacy of Calcutta's connection with caricatures. **Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery, Midford Garden When: Till April 23, 10am – 6pm (except Sundays)**

With covid on the wane, real estate is booming

Realty Expo 2022 is all set to welcome Bengalureans after a hiatus of two years; retail, commercial and residential complexes will be their highlights

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With two years of a pandemic, lockdowns, weekend curfew and curbs acting as a dampener for most sectors, the city is now going back to normal. The real estate sector has a reason to shine again, with the Realty Expo 2022 all set to welcome visitors after two years.

The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) is going to be bigger, better and bolder this year, to showcase the best houses and designs at the three-day exhibition on April 22, 23 and 24.

Intimately knowing the clientele of Bengaluru for decades, CREDAI is catering to three major segments: retail, residential and commercial complexes.

The event is being held on this scale for the first time after Covid broke out two years ago, and enough precautions have been taken to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour and ensure physical distancing at all times of the show being held at Radisson Blu, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli.

CREDAI Bengaluru President Bhaskar T Nagendrappa said, "This is what we have always believed in, and we are finally achieving it. Being close to our customers, talking to them, knowing their budget and home requirements, and finally delivering on that promise."

The three-day expo will take place from April 22 at Radisson Blu, ORR, Marathahalli

According to him, online campaigns are good, but there is nothing that beats physically meeting people who are going to build your home for you.

"Meeting them will induce 'trust', the most essential component while buying a home. I concede that the real-estate industry is going through a rather difficult phase since 2016, but we still love to talk to our customers and know their taste. For us, the customer comes first and always."

Covid has changed the dynamics of businesses, work-from-home is now the first choice among employees of most sectors, the home is now an office, an entertainment pavilion and recreation parlour on weekends. "Yes, it's a combination of home, office, gym and children's online classes. Which means it's more than a house that it used to be before Covid." Nagendrappa said that the situation has thrown up challenges for the industry as the super structure and spacing inside a dwelling unit need to be redrawn so that modern requirements are fulfilled.

He is quick to add that pricing of a housing unit has been impacted by inflation and other allied factors, forcing builders to do a tightrope walk on the costing part. However, the expo is a platform to communicate, negotiate and strike a deal with the builders.

> **"The expo will serve as a platform to communicate, negotiate, and strike a deal with the builders** – BT Nagendrappa, CREDAI Bengaluru President

While budget houses and villas mark the two extreme ends of the housing spectrum, state governments have been announcing packages for affordable housing, a segment that's been attracting new buyers by the thousand.

Given CREDAI's experience, this must-visit affordable-housing pavilion is expected to form nearly 70 per cent of all the residential projects to be showcased at the key event.

The number of projects to be highlighted are expected to be higher than the previous edition of the expo. Financial institutions and building-material players will also make their presence felt at the gala event. Industry veterans said the buyer sentiment was getting better with the end of each Covid wave, and inventories were shrinking. This is likely to act as a positive trigger for the industry.

II PUC examinees must follow uniform rules: Edu Min

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Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh on Tuesday stated that no students wearing the hijab will be allowed to sit for the upcoming II PUC exams. Nagesh added that all students have to follow the uniform rules as mandated by their colleges. The II PUC examinations will start from April 22 to May 18. As many as 6,84,255 students have enrolled for the examinations, stated an official release from the Department of Pre-University Education.

The department has stated that the examination will be conducted in 1,076 examination centres. A total of 3,46,936 boys and 3,37,319 girls will sit for the exams. Seventy-four students suffering from autism, 377 with hearing impairments, 371 with learning disabilities, 683 with locomotor impairments, 128 with intellectual disabilities, 103 with multiple disabilities, 48 with speech impairment, 355 with visual impairment and 55 partial visual impairment have also enrolled for the exams.

Around 6,84,255 students will sit for the II PUC exam starting April 22

The practical lab tests will be conducted in 1,030 examination centres and 2,67,349 students will attend it. The students are banned from carrying mobile phones inside exam halls. The supervisors are permitted to carry a basic set without a camera. The department has sought police security cover for all examination centres. The 200-meter zone surrounding the exam centres would be declared as a prohibited zone.

Moral Science in curriculum

Minister Nagesh said moral science will be introduced in the curriculum from next academic year. This moral education will have chapters from Maharabharata, Ramayana, Bhagavad Gita and Panchatantra etc. He said that moral science education will not be limited to any religion.

(with inputs from agencies)

Major pet peeve: Being locked up

Complaint against bank officials for sealing house with pets inside

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After a bunch of pet animals and fishes were rescued from a house that was sealed by co-operative bank officials, officials of the bank are in a dock for inflicting cruelty to animals.

Dr Priya Darshini, owner of the house in RR Nagar, has filed a complaint with the Commissioner, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services requesting action against the staff of The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Limited.

In her complaint, the doctor stated that she is the principal borrower of a home loan in Bangalore City Cooperative bank Limited at Avalahalli Branch, and due to the non-payment of the bank loan, the bank had seized her house.

Her pets - two Persian cats, one Indie cat, two puppies, one exotic turtle and a huge pond of aquarium fishes were locked inside by the bank officials. They suffered without food and water for almost a week, between April 8 and 14.

"They sealed the building, being well aware of the fact that the pets were inside my house. They had sealed the house without any empathy or sympathy towards the animals. They failed to open the house and let the animals out even after I pleaded to them," Priya Darshini stated in her complaint.

> **"The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services should issue directions to bodies concerned**
> – Arun Prasad, animal activist

Left with no options, the doctor approached the Bangalore District SPCA and the Bangalore City Police DCP West, who directed the Rajarajeshwari Nagar police to break open the window and rescue the pets.

After the rescue operation by police officials, the pet parent got custody of her two cats and one turtle that was severely dehydrated.

One of her puppies and a cat has gone missing. "It's cruel to confine pet animals without food and water as per the PCA Act and the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services should issue directions to the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Ombudsman and also to the Registrar of Societies, Karnataka to implement the animal welfare guidelines issued by the Government of India (GOI) so that such cruelty will not recur in the future while banks follow with their seizure formalities," animal activist Arun Prasad told Bangalore Mirror.

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Pets trapped in sealed shut house are free

On April 15, BM reported that pets were rescued from a sealed house in RR Nagar

EVs at city airport soon

Public Electric Vehicles (EVs) are soon set to make their debut at Kempegowda International Airport. Now, there are plans to introduce electric bus shuttle operations between Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The pandemic and lockdowns have caused delays in the KIA's expansion plan. Earlier, it was proposed that the first phase of the second terminal was to be operational by the second quarter of 2022. The outbreak of covid and subsequent lockdowns delayed the project.

The second terminal is being constructed in two phases. Once completed, phase one of the second terminal will be of 2,55,000 sqm to augment the capacity of the airport by 25 million passengers per annum. The second phase of the second terminal is expected to be built for an additional 25 MPPA. The combined capacity of both the phases of the second terminal is expected to be 70 MPPA. — BMB

Friend tries to extort, threaten HIV+ woman

The Karnataka Police have lodged an FIR against a man for blackmailing his female friend and threatening to expose her HIV positive status and extorting money from her, police said on Tuesday. The 42-year-old victim had lodged a complaint with the HSR Layout police station in Bengaluru following which the police have launched a hunt for accused K. Arun Kumar. According to police, the victim came to know about the accused while working with social organisations rendering service in the society. She met him in 2020 and became good friends with him. The accused allegedly started demanding money from the victim after she shared her HIV status with him. He started blackmailing and even extorted her gold chain worth Rs 2.8 lakh.

Further investigation is on. — BMB

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Kothanur Lake gets plogged

JP Nagar residents join group of ploggers, pick trash around neglected lake area, clean it up on Sunday

The volunteers gathered more than 10 large bags of garbage

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The area around Kothanur Lake had been in a bad condition due to a lack of maintenance and rainfall was making things worse. Recent reports suggested sewage water has been entering the lake and killing the fish in it too. But a team of ploggers (those who pick up trash while jogging) and residents in JP Nagar gathered on Sunday and cleaned the area around the lake.

BBMP has tried rejuvenating the lake and added a walkway near it, but the sewage diversion has not been addressed. Sewage water is flowing into parts of the lake through inlets.

Meanwhile, the area around the lake has been treated like a dumpyard. Garbage, including bottles and plastic packets are found around the lake. Bottles were even found blocking some inlets. Regular walkers found many bags, bottles and packets thrown in and around the lake.

Members of the ploggers army and residents of Kothanur Kere Sutha Mutha came forward on Sunday and collected the waste around the lake. More than 10 large garbage bags were filled with the waste in no time.

> **The broader objective of any plogging mission is to make people realise it's our basic responsibility to keep the neighbourhood clean...** –G Nagaraj, a plogger

"Dumping of waste is frequent around the lake. Many walkers tend to carry water bottles or snack packets and throw them around the lake. We decided to take up the challenge and clean the premises. Many senior citizens were part of the clean up," said G Nagaraj aka 'The Plogman'.

Once the trash was collected, it was sent to the BBMP for disposal.

Nagaraj said, "The broader objective of any plogging mission is to make people realise that it's our basic responsibility to keep the neighbourhood clean... More importantly, to prevent use of plastic at home, especially single use disposables like paper cups, plates and water bottles."

Relearning lessons lost to covid-19

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exams without paying the dues. Some schools withheld the status of their passing or failing, from their parents. In some cases, the transfer certificate was denied until the dues were settled. Students from other states found it difficult to transition to a government school due to a lack of knowledge of Kannada.

The existing social structures of class and caste made access worse, it pointed out.

Making a remark about the situation of Dalit students, Vinay K Srinivasa of the Alternative Law Forum and a member of the jury, said "Dalit students from marginalised communities come to the city to seek private education, especially education in English as the medium of instruction. But most of the parents of these students who work in the informal sector were badly hit by covid-19. People resorted to odd jobs and could not afford their children's fees. Students also faced difficulty in transitioning from private to government school due to the language barrier. These students have been sitting idle at home."

According to a study conducted by Azim Premji University, 90% of children lost competency in one language and around 80% lost competency in mathematics. As per a study by National Coalition on Education Emergency, more than 80% of students are not at grade level. Experts suggested a need to relook at the curriculum and pedagogy to ensure children can absorb grade-level content taught in classrooms.

The study by ActionAid and Slum Mahila Sanghatane recommended that "Teaching in every school must accommodate the fact that children have not been in school for most of two years. Children now in class 5 did not attend most of class 3 and 4 lessons. Teaching them class 5 textbooks will be meaningless and will lead to dropouts. The state should build the capacity of teachers; additional classes must ensure all children in the class learn and make progress."

It also suggested restarting the Vidyagama programme to facilitate the transition of more children to schooling.

"The online system has not worked for first-generation learners and children who have been learning under various other difficulties. They don't have access to the technology -- internet bandwidth, mobile phones/screens, etc. In most cases, educators have been speaking through an online medium rather than it being an interactive session. It also involved students going through photos of handwritten notes and students taking photos of their homework and sending it back to teachers. The entire integration of technology into education has been an exhaustive process for these students," said director, advocacy, at The Concerned for Working Children and a member of the jury, Kavita Ratna.

She added that "Teachers need to reevaluate the basics of students and provide basic refresher courses for classes spent in online education up to their current grade level. We are recommending this for all classes. The two pandemic years should be seen as special years and students should be provided with additional attention."

Experts also recommended that schools be the last institutions to be shut down and the first ones to be reopened. The jury is of the view that the government also conducts district-wise public hearings to resolve education-related concerns of the youth.

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Pouring pain
Malleswaram

Residents and motorists are inconvenienced due to waterlogging here near Sai Krishna Apartment.

Raining misery
Vasanthnagar

Residents complained Sankey Road is filled with rainwater, which is dangerous for motorists. BBMP must take measures to prevent accidents here.

Drain damage
Hosahalli

The area around Hosahalli Metro Station lacks functional drainage facilities, a reader wrote to BM. Rainwater collected on the pavements and roads here can cause the tiles and asphalt to wash away.

Will there be light at the end of PRR project?

Much-delayed civic project gets yet another date for floating new tenders

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The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Monday called for fresh tenders to construct the much-delayed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR).

As per the latest tender notification, the last date to submit the bids will be May 18 and bids will be opened on May 20.

Sources in the BDA said that the previous tender notification could not be executed due to technical issues and hence the agency had to call for fresh tenders.

PRR project is touted to help decongest traffic on Outer Ring Road

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And finally, there is some tender movement on PRR

Tender process BM reported about on Apr 4 did not take off

The tender has been called for constructing an eight-lane PRR with a variety of features. The tender says that the concessionaire will get a lease of 50 years to operate the road as well on a revenue sharing basis along with funding and land acquisition of 2,560 acres.

PRR project got a green signal from the state Cabinet recently. However, sources say that despite calling for tenders, the groundwork may take some more time.

If all the required clearances are given, it may take six months to one year to start the work. For developing the 74-km road, 2,560 acres of land acquisition has been planned. Around 1,810 acre has already notified and the remaining 750 acres must be notified.

Recently, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhuswamy said, "The Cabinet on Wednesday has given the green signal. Based on the Supreme Court guidelines, the old land rates will be offered to the farmers who will part with the land and there will be further negotiations on this. The road will be 100 metre in width and 71 kilometre in length. The construction company will be given a 50-year lease to build, operate, maintain and transfer the road."

Of the 2,560 acres, 232 acres of government land, the remaining land is private property. Once notified for primary land acquisition, inviting objections from the public and afterward final notification must be published. BDA officials say, to complete all the formalities, at least six months of time are needed. Starting work after getting a work order needs at least a year. The project was planned 15 years earlier; at the time, the project cost was Rs 3,000 crore. But due to delays in the project, the cost increased many times more. As per the recent estimations, Rs 15,475 crore is needed for land acquisition alone.

This 74-km road will connect northeast, east and south-west parts of Bengaluru.

State-of-the-art facilities

Once developed, PRR will have toll plazas and relaxing rooms, helipads for air ambulances and charging stations for electric vehicles. This road will not have any signals. In different junctions, underpasses and flyovers will be built.

Big Brother watching you? Not if bills unpaid

CCTV cameras in Indiranagar area are inactive as electricity bills have not been paid, residents say

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Citizens, the next time you take a walk in your neighbourhood, do check the CCTV cameras installed in the area. Chances are that they may be inactive due to bills not being paid, as a few hapless residents of Indiranagar found out recently.

A few days ago, when a crime happened in the area, residents scurried to get footage from the nearby CCTV cameras that were installed years ago. But to their surprise, they were not able to find any footage as the CCTVs were not working.

"The residents found that the CCTVs were not working at all. They had to resort to getting it from a private residence's CCTV camera instead," said Sneha Nandihal, a member of I Change Indiranagar.

Upon realising the status of the CCTVs, residents called up the authorities concerned to find out that the electrical connection had been snapped off due to non-payment of electricity bills.

> **"Though the CCTVs were installed years ago, there is no system to manage them**
> — Sneha Nandihal, a member of I Change Indiranagar

"BESCOM officials had snapped the electricity connection to the CCTVs. None of the 25 CCTVs installed were working. The meter associated with the CCTVs is under the BBMP AEE's name," she added.

Residents further complained that despite the disconnection, residents were not intimated about the problem by BESCOM or BBMP and were walking oblivious to the situation.

They also added that there was no adequate system in place to maintain and regulate the CCTVs. Residents face trouble from the constant breaking of cables to inadequate funds leading to such scenarios.

"Though the CCTVS were installed years ago, there is no proper management. There are no funds with any department to maintain it. Every time we try to install an optical fibre connection to the police station, it gets snapped by public vehicles. We are stuck with installing cables all over again which is an expensive ordeal. Accepting this fact, even police officials also ask us to point residential CCTVs to the public roads," added Nandihal.

Residents also said that for them to relay their footage, most police stations don't have internet connectivity to live-stream the clips as well.

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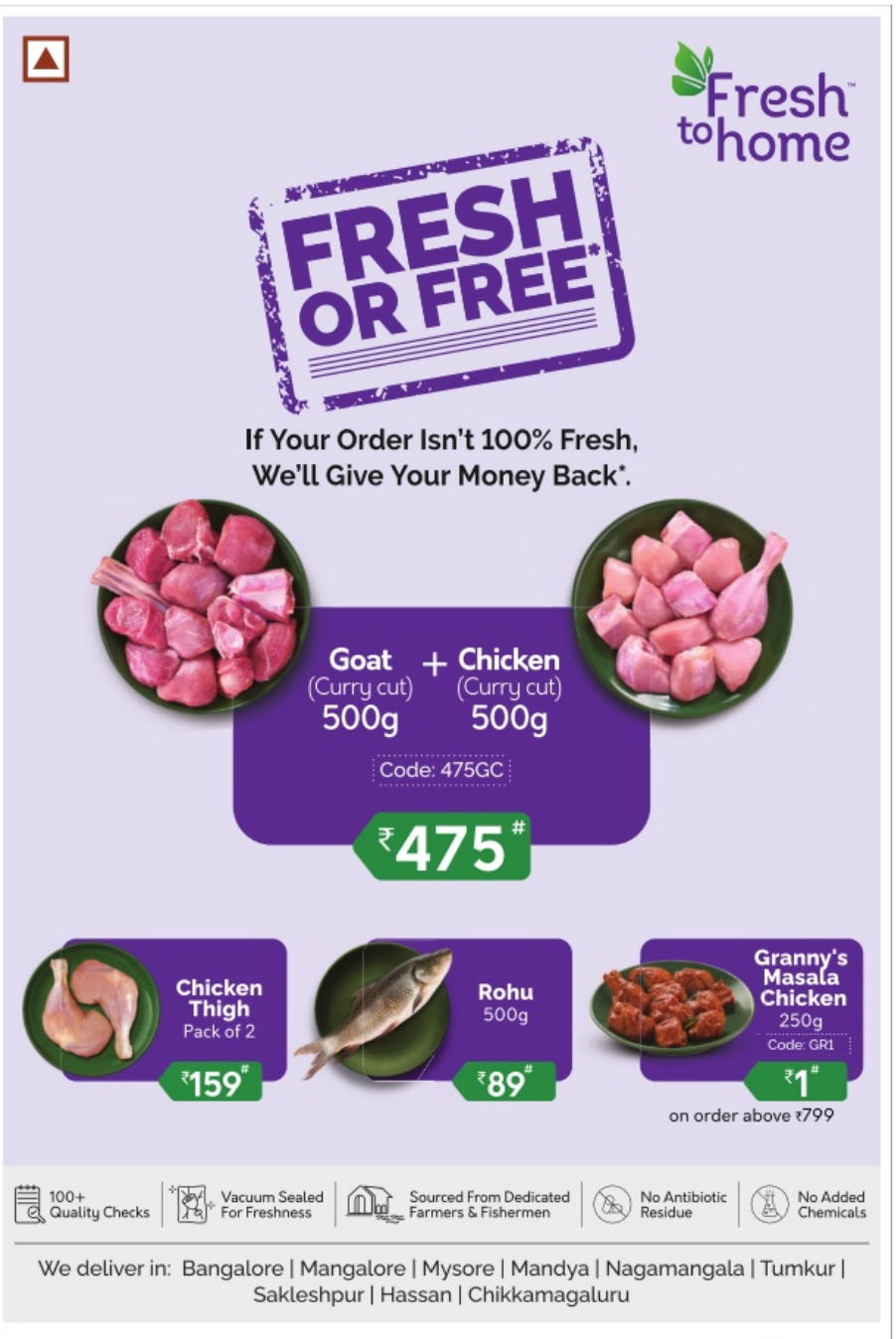
None of the 25 CCTVs had recorded any footage of the crime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Pink loos: B'luru can adopt Gadag model

Bengaluru was one of the first cities in the country to experiment with private funding for public toilets. Though the toilets were announced with much fanfare, decades later, the toilets are in poor condition with people forced to stay away. However, now distant gram panchayats in Karnataka have created a model, which Bengaluru can replicate.

In a move to make sanitation accessible, safe and at the same time remove embarrassment during menstrual days among adolescent girls, the Gadag district of Karnataka is constructing pink toilets in 32-gram panchayats across the district. Of these, 20 units have been completed while 12 are in an advanced stage of completion. The cost of each unit is Rs 6 lakh. Such a facility was first constructed at the KH Patil Girls Senior Primary School and after successful testing, it is being replicated in other villages.

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Equipped with adequate water supply, lighting, a changing room and other amenities, the washroom for adolescent girls and women is an innovation under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G). Each unit has an incinerator, which is used for safe disposal of sanitary pads and menstrual waste, according to the Press Information Bureau.

Menstrual Hygiene Management is an integral part of the waste management under the SBM-G campaign, underlining the importance of this otherwise taboo topic that impacts not just health and wellbeing, but also education and overall development of girls and women in the country. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation has issued guidelines to support all adolescent girls and women. It outlines what needs to be done by State governments, district administrations, engineers and technical experts in line departments, as well as school head teachers and teachers.

The initiative has been appreciated by girls and women, especially helping to remove embarrassment during their menstrual days.

The toilets have been constructed in convergence between Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 15th FC and the GP funds. The dream of clean villages is becoming a reality with this special initiative. In Gadag, to ensure proper use and maintenance of the facilities, training has been conducted, at school level, involving School Development and Monitoring Committee members, teachers, and GP members in the programme. It specifically covered the use of incinerators.

Plans are in the pipeline to train women at the village, through the NRLM Self Help Groups to make sanitary pads. In the meantime, awareness programmes are being conducted for school children, the messages reinforced through wall writing, brochures, posters that are distributed and pasted in public spaces. Safe sanitation and hygiene messages are also promoted through social media and documentaries. **Prakash VL**

B'luru continues zero covid death streak

Cases slightly spike in State; 62 test positive on Tuesday, including 57 in Bengaluru

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For the last 11 consecutive days, Bengaluru reported zero covid deaths. This is the first time since the outbreak of the second wave that Bengaluru is free from covid death for such a long period. On Tuesday, there was a slight rise in daily covid cases with the State reporting 62 including 57 in Bengaluru. So far, 39.4 lakh people have been infected with covid, including 17.8 lakh in Bengaluru.

Currently, the active cases in the State are 1,487 with Bengaluru's share being 1,418. In the 24 hours in the country, active caseload currently stood at 11,860 with active cases standing at 0.03 per cent. In the last 24 hours, 928 people had recovered with 1,247 new cases recorded. The daily positivity rate in the country is at 0.31 per cent.

RR Nagar's weekly cases high

The worrying trend is the increase in total positivity rate (TPR). On Monday, the city's TPR was 2.91 per cent. Among the various zones, RR Nagar zone had one of the highest weekly positivity rates (WPR) in the country with 6.39 per cent WPR. Next comes Bommanahalli with 3.59 per cent and 3.14 per cent for Mahadevapura. However, experts say nothing to worry about TPR as the hospitalisation is quite low. There are only six patients, of whom one is critical and on ventilation.

Early to predict

With northern States reporting an uptick in cases, experts say that it is too early to predict whether it is an onset of a fourth wave. "We need to wait for a few more weeks to see if the trend continues. There is a slight increase in covid cases in Karnataka, but it is not worrying as of now. Our main focus is on fewer hospitalisations, which is quite low," said a health expert.

A health worker collects sample for covid testing; (inset) a newly-married couple spread covid awareness during their wedding procession

Meanwhile, city hospitals say that the demand for booster doses among the 18-57 group is quite low. Due to the low demand, not many hospitals are providing the precaution dose. "Many hospitals say that they don't have any stock and the government hospital will no longer give it to the general public. With an increase in covid cases elsewhere, I don't want to take chances," said Kiran Kumar, a resident of Koramangala.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar had earlier said vaccination was the only way to prevent the potential covid-19 4th wave.

Doctors are saying that masks are still essential and there will be no relaxation, but said that there is no need to worry about the fourth wave as of now. Recently, the Health Minister had said that many had become complacent over masks and were negligent as the third wave, which was severe in some countries, was relatively not too harmful in India.

Meanwhile, the State Government has decided to do a random test of around 5,000 students in the age group of 6-12. These children are not eligible for vaccines and as a precautionary measure, they will be tested.

'Old bridge caused flood'

With the city witnessing rainfall for the last few days, residents in many areas are suffering from water logging. The worst water logging of this year was reported from Kamakya last week. Now, BBMP officials say that the water logging in Kamakya was due to an old bridge. BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "There is a U-shaped culvert near Kamakya with small pipes around. The bridge is narrow and as a result it was a hindrance for smooth flow of water. Due to this, there was flooding of nearby areas during the heavy rainfall. Now, we have decided to reconstruct the bridge at that spot."

'DULT proposal to be considered in Gandhi Bazaar issue'

Many traders and residents of Gandhi Bazaar took to streets on Monday against pedestrianisation of Bazaar. Reacting to this, Gupta said, "The Department of Urban Land Transport has sent a proposal to allow pedestrianisation in the bazaar. We will speak to all the stakeholders and take their views as well before we will go ahead with any such plan."

SWR to resume bedding services in all trains

After nearly two years since the South Western Railways (SWR) stopped providing bedding to passengers due to covid, it has decided to start providing the service again. All SWR trains will begin serving bedding to passengers within the next three months.

SWR's Bengaluru division is resuming supplying bedding to passengers in a phased manner.

SWR Chief PRO Aneesh Hegde told BM, "When covid hit, linen and bedroll services had been stopped. Linen washing used to be outsourced... We had to undergo budget cuts and terminate the contract for linen washing."

Time for severe berth pangs

Senior ministers likely to lose Cabinet posts in Karnataka; hectic lobbying begins

Hectic lobbying has begun in Karnataka's ruling BJP as the party heads for a cabinet expansion, party sources said here on Tuesday. More than five sitting Cabinet ministers are set to lose their berths to make way for new faces as part of the party's strategy for the 2023 Assembly elections,they added. The party high command has sent a message to 'netas' of the party to be ready to sacrifice their cabinet berths and involve themselves in party organisation activities. The party has decided to induct at least eight new faces in the cabinet.

As per the sources, the news has created ripples within the party leaving the sitting ministers a worried lot. BJP President JP Nadda who was in Karnataka last week to attend executive committee meeting had discussed and obtained the list of ministers who could be dropped from the ministry.

The message for senior ministers who will lose their positions will be conveyed through Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai could be called to New Delhi at any point to finalise cabinet expansion or formation of new cabinet. A final meeting will be held between Nadda, Amit Shah and Bommai. Currently, there are five positions vacant in the state cabinet. If six to eight ministers are dropped, the party could accommodate 13 new faces in the cabinet, the sources said. The sources further revealed that the ministers who are going to be dropped have already been given feelers by the CM Bommai and the high command.

BJP National President JP Nadda being welcomed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on his arrival at Jindal Airport, Touranagallu, in Ballari earlier this week

"I am focusing more on development activities. I am yet to get an invitation from New Delhi to take up the trip

– Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

Commenting on the cabinet expansion, CM Bommai stated on Tuesday that he will go to New Delhi as soon as he gets a call from central leaders. "I am focusing more on development activities. I am yet to get an invitation from New Delhi to take up the trip," he said.

According to the sources, the party is treading cautiously as the opposition Congress has adopted an aggressive approach. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and State President D.K. Shivakumar has said many times that a number of leaders from BJP are in touch with them. The party will have to take crucial calls on allotting cabinet posts to B.Y. Vijayendra, the son of former CM B.S. Yediyurappa and prominent backward class leader, former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi. **– IANS**

More than 2,500 differently abled cricketers sign up

The registration process for the differently-abled cricket players was opened by the BCCI appointed Differently-Abled Cricket Committee through the Differently-abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) nearly a week ago. Till now, nearly 2,600 Divyang cricketers have registered themselves.

In an attempt to collect the data of Differently-Abled Cricketers of India and to streamline the entire process, the registration process has been initiated. We are also collecting the data of support staff who have experience working with differently-abled cricketers. DCCI is the only body that is supported by BCCI for the promotion and development of cricket for differently-abled players. All the data collected will be shared with the BCCI which will further be divided state-wise and sent to state associations. This data will allow us to plan our activities efficiently. State Cricket Associations such as Punjab, Hyderabad, Pondicherry, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Tripura etc have already formed Differently-Abled Cricket Committees at the state level and other states are also in the process. **– ANI**

Chameera becomes fourth bowler to dismiss Kohli on golden duck in IPL

Dushmantha Chameera on Tuesday became only the fourth bowler to dismiss Virat Kohli on a golden duck in the Indian Premier League history. Sri Lankan pacer achieved this feat in the match No. 31 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 between Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at the Dr DY Patil Sports Academy.

Former India captain Kohli who has not been in good touch in the cash-rich league was removed by Chameera on the very first ball that the stylish right-handed batter faced.

Virat Kohli came at the No. 3 to bat for RCB after Chameera removed opener, Anuj Rawat, on the fifth delivery of the very first over. Lankan bowled a good length ball, to which

RCB opener Anuj drove uppishly and the Lucknow skipper KL Rahul dived forward to take a good low catch.

The next ball was short of good length ball by the pacer, which Virat Kohli pushed in the air and Deepak Hooda who was placed perfectly at the backward point took an easy catch.

Kohli was dismissed by Ashish Nehra for his first golden duck against Mumbai Indians in 2008. This was followed by a golden duck against Sandeep Sharma in 2014 and Nathan Coulter-Nile in 2017. Now after 5 years in 2022, Virat Kohli is dismissed on the very first ball.

Kohli has been out of touch this season, with his highest score of 48 coming against rock-bottom Mumbai Indians. He had scored an unbeaten 41 in RCB's first match of the season against Punjab Kings. Apart from that, he has registered scores of 12,5,1 and 12 in the other matches. **– ANI**

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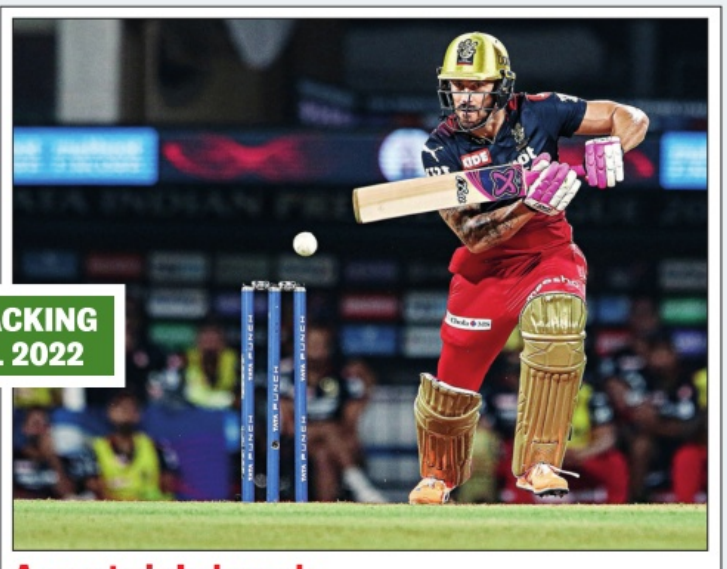

A captain's knock

Faf du Plessis, captain of Royal Challengers Bangalore plays a shot during the IPL 2022 match between Lucknow Super Giants and RCB at the DY Patil Stadium in Mumbai. Plessis' 96-run knock took RCB to 181/6 against LSG. LSG won the toss and put RCB to bat first

Reining in 'rogue' trash trucks

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We are also thinking of providing training to these drivers if need be."

He also mentioned plans to increase the height of the medians at junctions, especially near flyovers. "Vehicles try to speed up at most of these junctions. On the other hand, pedestrians keep crossing the road. Hence, we plan to increase the height of the median so that pedestrian crossing can be avoided as well," Gupta added.

BBMP officials said that in case of Monday's incident, the garbage truck in question had the required fitness certificate. However, officials now plan to continue to keep a tab on fitness certificates of vehicles. "It is the duty of the contractors to ensure that they supply vehicles that are in a good condition. We have already held discussions in this regard. When we are calling for trash pickup in the future, we will ensure there will be a rider, that the vehicles used for the purpose should be of sound quality. We will take action against those who don't have valid fitness certificates," the official told BM.

Ancestral property gift not 'pious purpose'

The Supreme Court observed on Tuesday that a Hindu father or any other managing member of a Hindu undivided family (HUF) has the power to make a gift of ancestral property only for a 'pious purpose' and what is understood by the term 'pious purpose' is a gift for charitable or religious purpose.

A bench comprising Justices S. Abdul Nazeer and Krishna Murari said: "It is well settled that a Hindu father or any other managing member of a HUF has the power to make a gift of ancestral property only for a 'pious purpose' and what is understood by the term 'pious purpose' is a gift for charitable and/or religious purpose."

The bench added that a deed of gift with regard to the ancestral property executed 'out of love and affection' does not come within the scope of the term 'pious purpose'. "It is irrelevant if such a gift or settlement was made by a donor, i.e., the first defendant, in favour of a donee who was raised by the donor without any relationship, i.e., the second defendant. The gift deed in the instant case is not for any charitable or religious purpose," the bench noted.

The bench added that it is trite of law that the manager of a joint family property may alienate the property only in three situations, namely, (i) legal necessity (ii) for the benefit of the estate, and (iii) with the consent of all the coparceners of the family.

In the present matter, KC Chandrappa Gowda (plaintiff) had filed a suit against his father KS Chinne Gowda and a person named KC Laxmana for partition and separate possession of his one-third share in the suit schedule property and for a declaration that the gift or settlement executed by Gowda in favour of Laxmana as null and void.

The trial court had dismissed the suit, but the appellate court reversed it and decreed the suit. The Karnataka High Court upheld the appellate court judgment and dismissed the second appeal filed by the defendants. Laxmana then moved the top court challenging the high court order. **– IANS**

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Bye bye, acne

Expert suggests ways to maintain blemish-free skin

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Oh no! The acnes are back again" – this is something we've screeched to ourselves at some point in our life. Even if you're someone blessed with blemish-free skin, there has to be an anecdote that strikes your mind when you think about acne. Associated with a bunch of influencing factors, acne is a common phenomenon across the globe … not just amongst teenagers – but also adults (contrary to popular belief). Known as adult acne, it's hitting everyone these days no matter what gender, skin type and age. Did we forget how we shelved our faces behind a mask for over two years? Yes, that contributes to adult acne as well. We speak to ace celebrity dermatologist Dr Jamuna Pai who breaks down the how and why of adult acne.

What exactly is adult acne all about?

"Whilst pubertal acne shows up during puberty, adult acne can stay much beyond adolescence and all throughout adulthood too," says Dr Pai. She adds, "Adult acne typically is nodular cystic acne that is usually a result of hormonal imbalance in the body. Poly Cystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS), peri-menopause as well as menopause can cause recurrent adult acne." While these issues are associated with women, don't let that fool you into believing that men are adult acne proof. They're not … because besides the aforementioned (female-related) hormones, there are a bunch of other factors that can spur acne.

What really causes adult acne?

Acne, as a condition, is commonly triggered by two broad factors – hormones and lifestyle – that are also very inter-related. "Hormonal imbalance is said to be the primary cause of adult acne," says Dr Pai. It's not just hormones however, your health also plays a role, "Underlying medical conditions, diet preferences, social habits can further aggravate the occurrence of acne," she adds. And no, it's not limited to a particular skin type, "Adult acne can be seen in all skin types," she says. Further, she highlights the side-effects of an unhealthy lifestyle, "Whilst hormonal imbalance is the chief reason for adult acne, it can get triggered with lifestyle choices. A sedentary life with not enough exercise can worsen the hormonal imbalance in the system, leading to frequent acne breakouts."

Stress & skincare routine have role to play

Dr Pai throws light on other factors, "Stress further aggravates the hormonal imbalance, causing more acne breakouts. Poor facial hygiene and pollution are other aggravating factors. The dirt and grime can clog your pores leading to development of acne." Stress is something we can't touch and see but every inch of our body feels it deeply and thereby reacts to it also. As far as your skin is concerned, stress causes dullness, fatigue, wrinkles and most importantly – acne. To combat the effects of day-to-day stress, maintaining a skincare regime is of paramount importance. "Foods with high glycemic index are definite aggravating factors for hormonal acne. Besides that even dairy and fried food may aggravate the same," says Dr Pai, as she also asks us to factor- in the dietary mishaps.

What's the best way to care for the skin?

With any kind of acne, following a right kinda skincare routine is critical to control, prevent and heal acne. "Not cleansing the face properly and regularly; not using the right products for one's skin type, improper makeup removal with the use of thick creams and ointments can lead to adult acne," warns Dr Pai. "Recently, we have seen an increase in adult acne due to wearing masks for long hours and also not changing them on a daily basis," she says. It's necessary to keep your face as cleansed as possible, leaving no room for bacteria and oil that could cause acne. Further, using the right ingredients and keeping the skin hydrated is a must.

Tips to keep away from acne

Dr Pai now takes us to the next phase as she asks us to get into the crux of the skin and its health, "Check for hormonal imbalance and visit your physician to help regulate them." She adds, "Cleanse the face twice a day with an appropriate cleanser for your skin type, use moisturiser and sunscreen. Use a healing night cream coupled up with monthly medical grade treatments at the clinics." When asked about the ingredients that could help with reversing acne, she says, "There is no one ingredient that would suit all, although topical applications like retinol, benzoyl peroxide, topical antibiotics may help to help settle and heal the acne faster." Dr Pai also mentions what to avoid, "Avoid thick creams and ointments that could clog the pores and cause more acne. Over drying the skin is yet another incorrect habit to dry the excessive oils. Over drying would lead the body to compensate for the dryness, and in turn produce more sebum. This would again add to the development of acne."

MIRRORLIGHTS

Embrace the tan

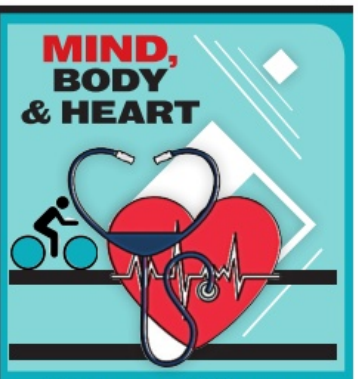
Opting for a sunset tan to get that exotic sun-kissed look is always in vogue. Tanned skin elicits attention as it gives a slightly flushed appearance too. Many celebrities have hopped on the tanning bandwagon, either naturally by exposing skin to sun or through various tanning procedures. However, does getting a tan have serious repercussions? Shahnaz Husain shares some expert advice on the matter.

Tanning is not only considered unsafe because it comes with the risk of getting a sunburn, which can directly contribute to skin cancer depending on the rate and time of exposure.

Experts say that people can enjoy their time basking in the sun; however, they should only do so when the sun is not overhead during scorching summers. They should also make sure to use sunblock or sunscreen of at least SPF 40. Anybody and everybody is not safe exposing themselves to the scorching sun without applying and re-applying sunscreen a few

times a day. In fact, people who claim to not have direct exposure to the sun should also do this because harmful UV rays can even pierce through the windshields of cars! Studies have shown that this practice of regularly applying sunscreen helps reduce the risk of skin cancer by a significant margin.

One can also use natural or DIY methods to deal with a stubborn tan – you can rub raw potato peels on the skin or apply aloe vera gel right after exposure. These two methods cool the skin down and also prevent surface damage that may have been caused by harmful sunlight. However, to avoid internal damage, the preventive methods mentioned before may be more useful. After all, as the saying goes – prevention is better than cure. — IANS



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a 40-year-old woman and have been married for 15 years. We'd been together since we were 20 before marrying at 25 and I haven't had any other serious romantic relationships.
Although we love each other and we're good parents and make a good team, I'm not in love with him any more, we never have sex and even the thought of it makes me cringe.
I haven't talked to my husband about this yet, but I've been thinking about the possibility of an open marriage, so we can keep the family together and remain close, but pursue sex and romance with other people.
I'd love your opinion whether an open marriage can work.

COLEEN SAYS

For me, it would be a no because of your reasons. What you're saying is you're only staying in the marriage for the kids, but you don't have to do that.

You have to tell your husband how you're feeling (although leave out the hurtful bit about him making you cringe). Some relationships come to a natural end and the two of you have been together since you were very young, so you'll both have changed a lot in that time.

I don't think an open marriage will keep the family together – it'll be an added complication, especially if it's only you who wants this arrangement. Plus, what happens when the kids leave home, will you leave your husband then?

I don't know why you're trying to cling on to the marriage unless it's the fear of the unknown. This relationship is all you've known, so walking away from it is a scary prospect and requires a lot of adjustment. Perhaps the first step should be a trial separation rather than going out and having sex with other men.

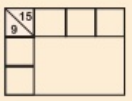
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

At an average speed 7 mph Bob will arrive in 30 minutes. How fast must Bob travel to arrive in 21 minutes?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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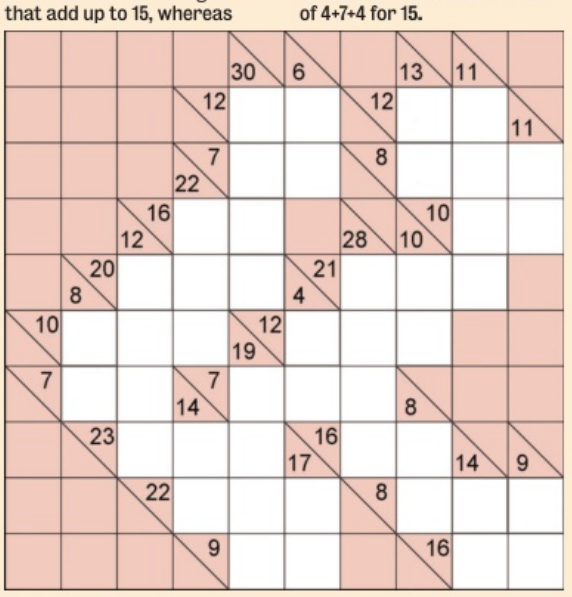

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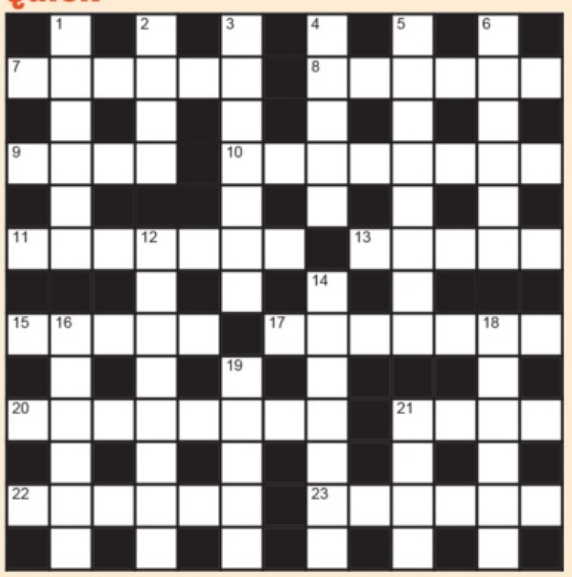


ACROSS

7 Former German chancellor ___ Merkel (6)
8 Mountain in eastern Turkey (6)
9 Blemish or mark (4)
10 City in Maharashtra famous for its footwear (8)
11 Crisp biscuit (7)
13 W" in Aussie state NSW (5)
15 That man from Baghdad (5)
17 Sleds for moving on snow (7)
20 Local government officer (8)
21 Large public room in palace, etc. (4)
22 Solidified lava (6)
23 Birds of prey (6)

DOWN

1 Concealed gunman (6)
2 Dishonest (4)
3 Deals with (7)
4 Steel wire rope (5)
5 Major south Indian river (8)
6 Dung as fertiliser (6)
12 Flirtation (8)
14 Winked, flashed or twinkled (7)
16 Souvenirs (6)
18 Lent a hand (6)
19 ___ Hills: Bangalore's highest point (5)
21 Grant or Laurie of Hollywood (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS S

AS USBBSN, NQATSDA TGBA, SXP GQF: ATPCP'Z ATP ZPKCPA SU ZDKKPZZ.

Linemaro

If you were a burger, I'd call you McBeautiful

Mindchow

Almost everything in life is easier to get into than get out of

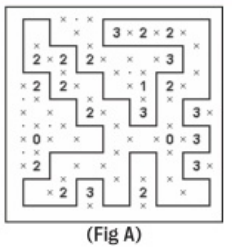
Joke of the day

Q: What did the Buddhist say to the hot dog vendor?
A: Make me one with everything

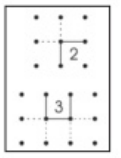
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

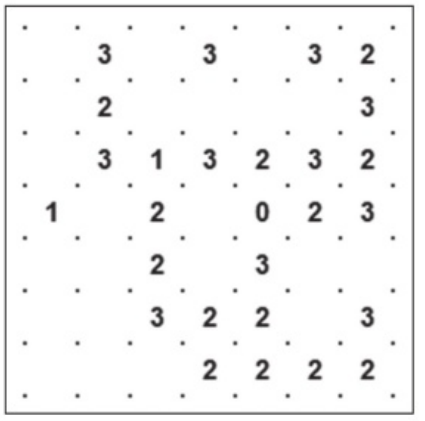


(Fig B) Not Allowed

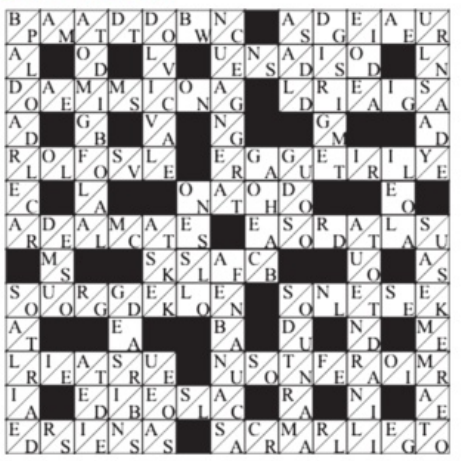
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



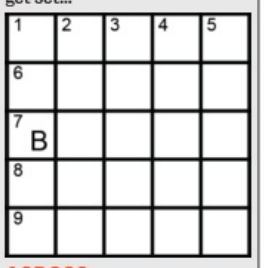
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

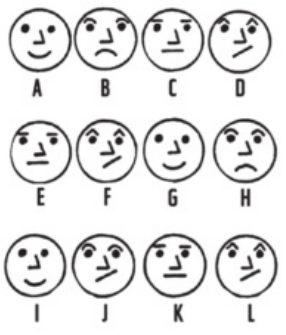
1 Crops; 6 Value;
7 Boner; 8 It lee;
9 To Big

DOWN

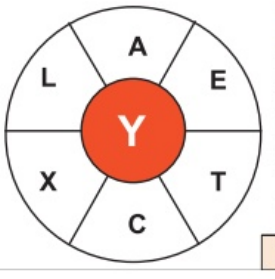
1 Be cub; 2 Olio V;
3 Gl err; 4 An opt;
5 Leets

Mensapuzzle

Who has changed his expression?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8		4	5			1	
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	3	1					8	
		6	3		4	5		
	2					6	9	
2								5
1			9	4	8			
	6			2	7		3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 23
2 5 7 9

Medium = 28
5 7 7 9

Hard = 46
1 6 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

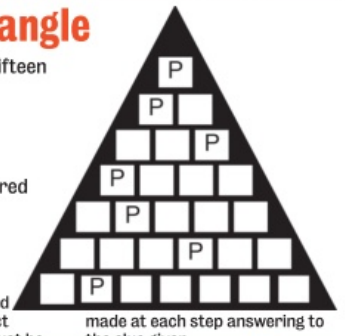
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Window in door is smaller. 3. Mirror is smaller. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Belt is wider.

Riddler

You are standing outside a closed door. On the other side of the door is a room that has three light bulbs in it. The room is completely sealed off from the outside. It has no windows and nothing can get in or out except through the door. On the outside of the room there are three light switches that control each of the respective light bulbs on the other side of the door. Your assignment is to determine which light switch controls which light bulb. You are allowed to enter the room only once, and once you come out, you must be able to state with 100% certainty which light switch controls which light bulb.

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Fifteen
2 European river
3 Apex or acme
4 Tagore or Keats
5 Chose
6 Autocrat
7 Streamed or poured



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

OKAY! HERE THEY COME!
DON'T SHOOT UNTIL YOU CAN SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES!
2-4
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! A WHOLE CAVALRY BATTALION WEARING SUNGLASSES
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may find yourself in a self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear; you may get success to achieve your goal. Your creativity might improve and you will take interest in artefacts, movies, glamour and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may feel some satisfaction related to your life. Your opponents are likely to be under control now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking may tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid fantasy in their studies; they are advised to study with focus and dedication.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooperate with you. You are advised to keep patience. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contract. Making new investments in useless stuff may turn into a bottleneck situation for you. Students are advised to study their subjects with patience.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be enthusiastic. You may be more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you to start new projects, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of opportunities.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with family issues. You may make some important decisions in the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments in personal life matters. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business .

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, your inner strength may help you to start some new innovations in the work front. You may get a big order in your parental business, which will increase growth in the business in near future. New responsibilities in your job may make you busy. Job seekers may get a good job. Understanding with the spouse may improve, which will maintain harmony in the family life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull; your health may not be good. You may be nervous. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in the business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travelling also. You are advised to do some meditation; it will be helpful in controlling any messy situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, blessings from elders may make you happy. Your investments may give you profits. Losses are getting converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may get resolved now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by elders. Your patience becomes very good; your focus towards your work may be very good. Parents' health will now improve. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person, who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments, which may increase harmony in domestic life.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be spiritual. You may help needy people around you. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity or religious places. Your good karma may help you get success in your difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you, which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying in depth.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel dull; you may be a victim of hidden fear, which may make you scared. You are not in the situation to trust anyone. It is advised to meditate, chant some prayer, which may help you to come out from this hypothetical situation. With the help of elders' blessings around late evening, you may come out from this messy situation.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy at work. Your network may increase, and with the help of the network, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will improve.

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
Turn one light switch on, wait a few minutes, then turn it off and turn another light switch on. Go into the room and feel the light bulbs. The one that's still warm is connected to the switch that you first turned on, the one that is on was the second switch you turned on, and the last bulb is controlled by the switch that you didn't touch.

SOLVE IN 1M
Distance 3.5 miles
Speed 3.5/21/60
3.5*60/21
60/6=10 mph

FAST FIVE

C	O	R	P	S
U	V	E	A	L
B	O	R	N	E
E	L	I	T	E
B	I	G	O	T

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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BULL'S EYE
acetyl, clay, EXACTLY, lacy

QUOTE UNCODE
To follow, without half, one aim: There's the secret of success.

MENSA PUZZLE
J. The mouth should be as in B and H.

SUDOKU

6	8	7	4	5	9	3	1	2
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1	5	3	9	4	8	2	6	7
4	6	9	5	2	7	1	3	8

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 9 + 7 + 5 = 23
Medium
5 + 9 + 7 + 7 = 28
Hard
6 x 7 + 1 + 3 = 46

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Po, Top, Poet, Opted, Despot, Spouted.

LOOP

KAKURO

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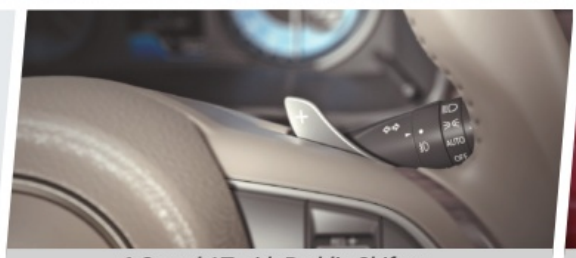

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